

SB0545



95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Introduced 2/8/2007, by Sen. William Delgado

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 2310/216 new

Amends the Department of Public Health Powers and Duties Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Creates the Culturally Competent Healthcare Demonstration Program. Defines "culturally competent health care". Provides that the Program shall establish models that reflect best practices in culturally competent health care and that expand the delivery of culturally competent health care in Illinois. Provides guidelines for the administration of the Program. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Department of Public Health Powers and
5 Duties Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is
6 amended by adding Section 216 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2310/216 new)

8 Sec. 216. Culturally Competent Healthcare Demonstration
9 Program.

10 (a) Research demonstrates that racial and ethnic
11 minorities generally receive health care that is of a lesser
12 quality than the majority population and have poorer health
13 outcomes on a number of measures. The 2006 State Health
14 Improvement Plan calls for increased cultural competence in
15 Illinois health care settings, based on national standards that
16 indicate cultural competence is an important aspect of the
17 quality of health care delivered to racial, ethnic, religious,
18 and other minorities. Based on the research and national
19 standards, the General Assembly finds that increasing cultural
20 competence among health care providers will improve the quality
21 of health care delivered to racial and ethnic minorities in
22 Illinois.

23 (b) Subject to appropriation for this purpose, the

1 Department shall establish the Culturally Competent Health
2 Care Demonstration Program. For purposes of this Section,
3 "culturally competent health care" means the ability of health
4 care providers to understand and respond to the cultural and
5 linguistic needs brought by patients to the health care
6 encounter. The Program shall establish models that reflect best
7 practices in culturally competent health care and that expand
8 the delivery of culturally competent health care in Illinois.

9 (c) The Program shall consist of (i) demonstration grants
10 awarded by the Department to public or private health care
11 entities geographically distributed around the State; (ii) an
12 ongoing collaborative learning project among the grantees; and
13 (iii) an evaluation of the effect of the demonstration grants
14 in improving the quality of health care for racial and ethnic
15 minorities. The Department shall contract with a vendor with
16 experience in racial and ethnic health disparities and cultural
17 competency to conduct the evaluation and provide support for
18 the collaborative learning project. The vendor shall be a
19 non-for-profit organization that represents a partnership of
20 public, private, and voluntary health organizations that
21 focuses on prevention, development of the public health system,
22 and reduction of racial and ethnic health disparities, and that
23 engages health disparities stakeholders in its efforts.

24 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
25 becoming law.